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September 25, 2014

Anne-Marie Smart  
Deputy Minister  
Veterans Affairs Canada  
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Dear Deputy Minister:

Please find enclosed the nomination for the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation for Ombudsman Parent.

The minister has asked that the department moves with this promptly in order to provide to Ombudsman Parent soonest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacques Fauteux', written over a horizontal line.

Jacques Fauteux

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NOMINATION FOR MINISTER OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMENDATION - CHIEF  
WARRANT OFFICER (RETIRED) GUY PARENT

Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Guy Parent is a 37 year Veteran who rose to the top ranks of the Search and Rescue community and of the military. In 1995, he was appointed to Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officers. In that capacity, he represented 47,000 non-commissioned officers and members who would or will eventually be members of the Veterans community.

Guy Parent's commitment to those military members and veterans continued after retirement, in 2001, when he joined the Office of the Military Ombudsman. Seven years later, he moved the Veterans Ombudsman's Office, initially as the Director of Investigations, and later on, in 2010, as Canada's Veterans Ombudsman.

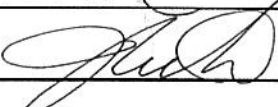
Guy Parent served his country both in and out of uniform for over 50 years. As a Search and Rescue Technician, he selflessly came to the help of others who found themselves in harm's way – both in Canada and in Egypt, where he served as a member of the United Nations Multi-National Force protecting the Sinai. He has maintained this caring, empathetic and fair approach in his work with members of the Veterans community. Before and during his most recent appointment, he spared no effort to find solutions that enabled Veterans and their families get the support they needed – either by seeking to resolve individual issues fairly and promptly or by addressing emerging and systemic issues affecting Veterans care in a collaborative way. His fact-based and diplomatic approach contributed to development of improved programs for Veterans and is helping to provide a continuum of service to those military members who will eventually be joining the ranks of the Veterans community.

As Veterans Ombudsman, Guy Parent also travelled across Canada to meet with Veterans and educate Canadians on the importance of supporting those who served Canada in the military. He has helped to inspire Canadians to fully appreciate the legacy of our Veterans and the debt owed to them for giving us the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

In recognition of Chief Warrant Officer (retired) Guy Parent's continued efforts to assist Veterans, it is an honour to recommend that he be presented with the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

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